1	2	3	4	5
12.	Maharashtra	5520	2059	37.30%
13.	Orissa	2247	1285	57.19%
14.	Punjab	2133	385	18.05%
15.	Pondicherry	11	11	100.00%
16.	Rajasthan	5911	522	8.83%
17.	Tamil Nadu	4121	1031	25.02%
18.	Uttar Pradesh	8575	1656	19.31%
19.	Uttarakhand	345	52	15.07%
20.	West Bengal	3911	1891	48.35%
21.	Other States	2587	0	0.00%
	Total	63327	18145	28.65%

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Electrification work on Villupuram-Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai (332 RKM) rail line is in progress and targeted for completion by March, 2010. Electrification work on Kulitturai-Kanniyakumari (57 RKM) which is a part of Trivendrum-Kanniyakumari section is in progress and targeted for completion by September, 2009.

Assistance by Railways for development of rail link in Iran

129. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iran has invited Indian companies like RITES, IRCON and CONCOR to bid for developing a 600 kilometre long railway link between Chabahar and Fahraj;

(b) if so, whether the link when completed would provide India a multi-modal transport corridor with Russia *via* Iran, bypassing Pakistan under UNRSCAP's ambitious Trans Asian railway project;

(c) if so, whether Indian Railways have also provided help and assistance in implementing this project;

(d) by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(e) if so, to what extent it would be helpful both for Iran and India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Bureau of Economic Studies and Investment Affairs, Deputy for Transport Economy, Ministry of Roads and Transport

(from Iranian side) and a consortium from Indian side [consisting of Ashok Leyland Project Services (ALPS), IRCON and RITES] on 4.1.2003 in connection with construction of Chahbahar-Bam Railway line (600 kilometers) and development of Port at Chahbahar. IRCON International Limited has been pursuing the Railway line project to be constructed through the medium of a Joint Venture Company to be incorporated in Iran with 50% participation of an Iranian Railway Company (nominated by Iranian Government) and 50% by Indian consortium members (ALPS-IRCON-RITES). A supplementary MoU was signed in August 2004 whereby a traffic study was to be conducted by a jointly nominated consultant. The study and evaluation revealed that the proposed Build-Own-Transfer (BOT) model was not found viable. Therefore, a suggestion was made by the Indian consortium for doing the said project on Build-Lease Transfer (BLT) basis. It was jointly agreed in May 2008 during the first meeting of Iran-India Joint Working Group on Railway Line in Tehran that Iran will study BLT model proposed by the Indian consortium instead of BOT model earlier envisaged and will submit the relevant response. The final decision on the link will be taken by the Iranian authorities.

The Chahbahar-Bam Link will help in establishing multi-modal link to Russia *via* Iran and will provide Indian goods access to Central Asia.

Computerized reservation facility

†130. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations where facilities have been provided to make the reservation convenient for the railway passengers to travel to and fro;

(b) the number of railway stations in the country where computerized reservation facility is available; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make available computerized reservation facility in other stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Computerised Reservation facilities are available at 1297 railway stations.

(c) The facility of Computerised Reservation has been sanctioned at 944 more railway stations of Indian Railways.

Dudhnoi-Depa rail project

131. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project connecting Dudhnoi and Depa in the State of Meghalaya, a stretch of 15.5 kilometre was sanctioned as early as in 1989;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.